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DD/S&T Staff Meeting
Friday, 8 March 1968

Deputy Director:

1. Noted a meeting scheduled for Monday afternoon at 1400 with [] Institute representative. General Davis has spent some time with [] this week and asked us to listen. This should involve mostly FMSAC and OSI personnel from this Directorate. The central theme will be the Soviet and U.S. strategic weapons mix. It was suggested that [] might be interested.

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2. Discussed his concern over the general thrust of the Directorate's activities. In this respect he noted that [] felt that R&D should be increasing but that budget cuts would be pushing us in the opposite direction. He felt that too often the Directorate's emphasis is on operations rather than collection. We should be more interested in what is necessary to be collected and what the alternatives for collection are. We tend to react on the basis that if you had money what would you do with it, rather than starting with what are the principal problems and gaps.

There followed a discussion of the Directorate's ad hoc Requirements Group and where it was leading. The DD again discussed his concern against the lack of coupling between the problems we should be solving and the hardware that we are developing.

3. Discussed the problem of Project Officers committing the Agency before a contract had been signed and said that the offices will be getting a memorandum on this subject.

[] reported that [] would be ready to go to White Sands on 1 April.

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2. [] would be in Headquarters on Monday and would get on the DD's schedule.

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4. Negotiations on [] will begin Monday. 25X1A

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6. OSP expects to move the end of this month.

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1. Noted the first SR-71 had departed at 1300 today.

2. The S&T Career Course had finished with OSA.

3. Foreign aircraft tests at [] would wind up 5 April. 25X1A

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[] reported that IBM had approached the Justice Dept. on transcription of stenotype by ADP. We are willing to be of help on this matter.

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[] reported on the status of the COINS management paper and said that the OCS briefing of BNE had gone well.

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1. Reported that [] would be here for a [] briefing at 1630. 25X1A

2. Said that PSAC is receiving an IR/ASW briefing.

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[] noted that the DD would receive a CPC briefing Monday at 1000 and that office directors were invited to attend if they so wished.

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